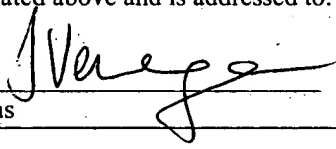


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CELLS CONTAIN A KNOCKOUT  
MUTATION IN DNA ENCODING  
ORPHAN NUCLEAR RECEPTOR  
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